


CHILDREN: BLESSING OR BLIGHT?

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Many view the prospect of having children as a blight, a disease or plague. "They would get in the way of me fulfilling my dreams, or living my carefree life." This mentality has led to a great slaughter of millions of innocent unborn children through a devilish process known as abortion.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward." –Psalm 127:3

Children are a blessing, not a blight; a comfort, not a curse! The responsibilities of raising children can often be daunting and challenging, but the pleasure of doing so far outweighs the pressure.

Ladies Home Journal once did a survey in which 85 percent of women claimed that having children was the best thing that ever happened to them. Coming in at number one, the greatest part was watching their children grow. The second greatest part was a category called "Everything." Everything about children is such a wonderful blessing. You don't just have my word as a parent; You have God's word as our Creator! 

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

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The old hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" is a popular and loved one. But what about the faith of our mothers? Arthur B. Pattern actually penned a hymn with such a title in 1920. Our mothers' faith can be the very reason many of us come to Christ and serve Him throughout our days....

A Mother's Faith Is a Living Faith. If a mother desires her children to become servants of the Lord, it should start with them. They need to obey Christ and have a living faith themselves. If they want the sins of their children to one day be cleansed, they should themselves repent and be baptized in order to wash their own sins away (Acts 2:38; 22:16); then they can teach their children to do the same when they mature. Young Timothy was in many ways the product of the living faith exercised in his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15).

A Mother's Faith Is a Loving Faith. A loving faith requires unconditional trust in the wisdom of God when it comes to raising our children. It's difficult as a parent to go against the grain of modern "Wisdom" which argues that a parent should never "Spank" his child. But God's glorious wisdom far exceeds that of the wisest of men (1 Corinthians 1:20). God says, *"Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell"* (Proverbs 23:13-14). We have examples of the failed wisdom of modern men all around us. Children who disrespect their parents abound. The children who receive regular, biblical discipline, for the most part, end up respecting their parents, then their teachers, then the government, and then more importantly, God. Thus they respect and obey God and their souls are delivered from hell. The world says it's unloving to spank a child. God says, *"He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly"* (Prov 13:24).

A Mother's Faith Is a Leading Faith. Mothers must lead through example (Matt. 5:13-16). When children see their mother miss services regularly, neglect to read their bibles daily, and not praying daily, they are teaching them spiritually negligent behavior (Heb. 10:25; Acts 17:11; 1 Ths 5:17). They're likely to follow suit! Further, if you want your child to respect your authority, you must respect the authority of their father. Your husband! (Ephesians 5:22, 33). When wives fail to submit to and respect their husbands. their children see that and learn from it. 

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Gospel Meeting



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Preacher: Larry R. Ping II

Service Times

Sunday

9:00 am

10:00 am

6:00 pm

Weeknights

Mon. 7:00 pm

Tues. 7:00 pm

Wed. 7:00 pm

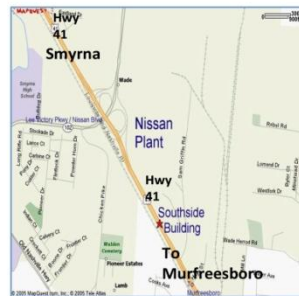
Thur. 7:00 pm

Fri. 7:00 pm

"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth..." -1 Thessalonians 1:8

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- Pick up hard copies in foyer to mail or distribute.
- Use an electronic copy to share via email, Facebook, and other social media. You can find an electronic copy on our website at www.defendthegospel.com, or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southside-church-of-Christ/219256574753146?pnref=lhc>

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

A Faithful Mother

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Eli Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Ben Green

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

Thank You For Serving!

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